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9	Uttarakhand	975.00	1100.00	4000.00	0.00
10	Himachal Pradesh	1300.00	1100.00	4000.00	600.00
11	Jammu and Kashmir	1233.00	1550.00	2933.00	600.00

Corpus fund for farmers

2005. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to create a corpus fund for assisting farmers affected by crop loss;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) No proposal, at present, under the consideration of the Government, for setting up a corpus fund to assist farmers affected by crop loss. Those farmers who have taken the insurance cover under National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) are compensated as per provision of the scheme. For crop loss, ill-put subsidy under Calamity Relief Fund/National Calamity Contingency Fund is also an eligible component.

MSP of Paddy, oilseeds and pulses

2006. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to enhance the minimum support price (MSP) of paddy, oilseeds and pulses for the year 2007-08;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the request of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to increase MSP for paddy from the existing Rs.580/- to Rs.660/- per quintal for common variety and from Rs.660/- to Rs.725/- for grade - A variety of paddy has been acceded to;

(d) if so, the details pertaining to MSP of paddy, oilseeds and pulses for the year 2007-08; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The Government has announced the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for 2007-08 kharif crops on 17th May, 2007. It has no proposal to enhance the MSPs of paddy, oilseeds and pulses.